



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma NE

Tuesday May 21st, 2013 10:00 a.m.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday May 21st, 2013 with Supervisor's Max Schultz, JD Schluntz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Interim Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was opened to the public.

Minutes from the May 7th meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any addition or corrections. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Dietz to approve as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented claims for approval. Motion made by Schultz, 2nd by Metzger, to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Claim for Fairfield Township gravel was presented. Discussion was held. Motion made by Metzger, 2nd by Dunse to approve the \$1500.00. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

CASA representatives, Christina McIntire and Emily Popple White entered the meeting. Both discussed the CASA program and volunteer recruiting for Harlan County. They were here to request an additional \$1,000.00 for the next budget year. Discussion was held on costs, budgets, audits, donations received. JD Schluntz requested to see a copy of the audit done in Phelps County. Both women left the meeting to call Phelps County Clerk to have a faxed copy sent.

Meeting moved to the Harlan County Senior Center Transit Budget with Director Marcia Roberts. Marcia was requesting \$ 13,353.00 for the transit program for 2013-2014. Discussion was held on budget, cost per boarding, other local funding. Marcia furnished the transit boarding bus schedule per Schluntz request. Following discussion, motion made by Dunse, 2nd by Hanna to approve the 2013-2014 Harlan County Transportation Budget for \$13,353.00. Roll call votes, Metzger-yes, Dietz- yes, Dunse-yes, Schluntz-no, Schultz-yes, Hanna-yes, Horwart-yes. Motion carried.

CASA representatives returned to the meeting with the copy of the audit from Phelps County. A motion was then made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger (to match with Phelps County) a total of \$3000.00 for the 2013-2014 budget years. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

John Kwiatek and Deb Steidley from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services entered the meeting. They were here to request to assume the function of Child Support services in Harlan County. They explained that the State would assume the function at no cost to the County, but would not erase the over payment Harlan County received several years ago. County Attorney Bryan McQuay would like to



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continue the service stating the county receives 66% reimbursement on his expenses. County Attorney thought he could budget approximately \$16,000.00 for next year. County Board has heard compliments on the job Bryan is doing and would like to keep it locally done. Motion made by Dunse, 2nd by Dietz to have County Attorney's Office to continue the child support. Roll call votes, Dietz-yes, Dunse-yes, Schluntz-no, Schultz-yes, Hanna-yes, Metzger-yes, Horwart-yes. Motion carried.

New personnel acknowledgement documents were given to the Board and Elected Officials to review and vote on at the June 4th meeting.

Clerk brought to the Board the new health insurance rates for the County. The combination of health and dental will rise approximately 11.77% Discussion was held with the Treasurer, Assessor, Extension and Sheriff. Changing to a higher deductible and buy back on employee led the discussion. Motion made by Schultz, 2nd by Dunse to change to the \$2500.00 deductible with \$1000.00 buy back on employee only and future increases on the family are split 50/50 with the County. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to enter into Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Pam Meisenbach brought to the Board (3) valuation changes. Discussion was held on the WRP easement. Schluntz would like to vote on them, separately. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to accept all (3). Roll call votes, Hanna-yes, Metzger-yes, Dietz-yes, Dunse-no, Schluntz-no, Schultz-no, Horwart-yes, Motion carried. Motion made by Metzger, 2nd by Schultz to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Appointment of the Road Superintendent was brought to the Board by the Road Committee. Hanna recommended 2nd by Dunse to appoint Tim Burgeson as new Road Superintendent. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Tim Burgeson brought to the Board (1) driveway and (1) ROW agreement for approval. After Board review motion made by Dietz, 2nd by Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Tim also furnished the Board with the 2013-2014 gravel bids on a spread sheet for review. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Schluntz to accept the gravel bids. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk brought to the Board the Department of Road Federal Funds Purchase program agreement for 2013-2014. County Attorney and Road Superintendent reviewed the agreement. Motion made by Schluntz, 2nd by Dunse to accept and approve the contract. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman stated the claim for Stenger Plumbing will be due in July.

Clerk furnished a letter of appreciation by Raylene Stephens from the Orleans Library for the donation received.

Supervisor Max Schultz would like clarification on the Cemetery Districts. Mascot Cemetery would like to continue to pay for mowing and upkeep. Chairman advised to go ahead and mow since it is Memorial



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weekend and submit a bill to be paid from the Township monies. With no further business meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Next business meeting will be June 4th at 1:00pm.

Attest,

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(seal)

CLAIMS

General Fund

NASB, registration, \$ 150.00; University of Nebraska Medical Center, DNA testing, \$ 925.00.

Tourism

ATC Communications, internet, \$ 299.40.